

REMARKS

Applicant encloses herewith a clean copy of the substitute specification.

No new matter has been added. The only changes relative to the previous substitute specification filed on September 29, 2004 (which included several amendments relative to the originally filed specification) are that the paragraph numbers (including fractional paragraph numbers) have been replaced by page and line numbers. The Patent Office noted that fractional paragraph numbers rendered the previous substitute specification confusing, and thus, Applicant has removed the fractional paragraph numbers in favor of page and line numbering. Applicant has not supplied a marked-up version of the application showing the change from paragraph numbering to page and line numbering, as it is unclear to the Applicant how this could be accomplished without creating even more unnecessary confusion. It is believed this is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.125(c), which states that merely numbering the paragraphs of the specification of record is not considered a change that must be shown pursuant to that section. The Examiner, in a phone interview on July 31, 2009, confirmed that that was his understanding as well. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the clarification.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this response, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825 under Docket No. S1509.70029US00 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.


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